(c) and (d) The centre is required to provide laboratory support for the diagnosis of viral hepatitis for individual cases as well as for outbreaks.

Between April, 1994 and March, 1995 a total of 13,994 sera samples from jaundice patients and 14,908 blood donors were screened. Similarly 19343 sera samples from patients and 13,904 blood donors were screened between April 1995 to March, 1996 and sera samples from 11,911 patients and 5,720 blood donors have been screened from April, 1996 to till date.

Steps to counter irresponsible images of Society on T.V./Cinema

457. DR. (SHRIMATI) BHARATI RAY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what steps are being planned to counter the utterly irresponsible images of society that are often being portrayed on the national media TV or cinema;

(b) whether an expert body is proposed to be formed to deliberate on this crucial issue;

(c) whether any attempt is being made to produce high quality entertainment programmes in order to educate or promote debate on social issues; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) Doordarshan telecasts only those films and programmes which are suitable for family viewing. In order to ensure this, the films certified by the Central Board of Film Certification for universal screening only are telecast on Doordarshan.

The Central Board of Film Certification while certifying films, inter-alia, ensures that the medium of films remains responsible and sensitive to the values and standards of society without unduly curbing artistic expression and creative freedom.

Further, all the programmes and films telecast on Doordarshan are previewed before telecast by in-house committees of Doordarshan to ensure that they conform to the Broadcasting and Commercial Advertising Codes of Doordarshan.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) It is Doordarshan's constant endeavour to telecast programmes depicting Indian history, culture, traditions and social issues/values through programmes in various formats. Some of the programmes depicting these aspects telecast/being telecast by Doordarshan are Jhansi Ki Rani, Akbar the Great, Mahabharat, Surabhi, Hitopdesh (serial in Sanskrit), Karamati, Sabka Malik Ek Hai, etc.

Enquiry into fire at IGIA, New Delhi

458. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM:
SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARI:
SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:
SHRI M.D. SALIM:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any enquiry has been held into gutting of departure terminal of Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi on 30-10-96;

(b) if so, the findings thereof;

(c) whether any action has been taken/is proposed to be taken against officials found guilty of negligence; if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether safety measures have been reviewed at all the airports in the country; if so, what steps Government propose to take to check recurrence of such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) An Enquiry Committee headed by Shri S.K.

Dheri, Chief Fire Officer, Delhi Fire Services has been constituted to enquire into the causes of fire at departure terminal 1A of the Indira Gandhi International Airport.

(b) and (c) The Committee expected to submit its report by 30-11-1996 and after receipt of recommendations of the Committee, suitable steps will be intiated.

(d) A one time check and inspection of the fire fighting arrangements including the fire alarm system etc. at all terminals of airports have been conducted.

Policy Changes for Capacity Addition by IA

459. DR. B.B. DUTTA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to consider the significant policy changes like stricter pre-entry scrutiny of private operators, in preference to Indian Airlines for capacity addition etc.;

(b) if so, details thereof; and

(c) in what way this is going to improve the services of private airlines and retionalise capacity addition in this sector?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) to (c) A proposal to review the policy on domestic air transport services is under consideration of the Government.

Request for Relaxation of Lending Norms

460. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether with a view to obviating the cash-crunch in the market, the Financial Institutions have requested Government for relaxation in lending norms;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No, Sir. The lending norms are decided by the Financial Institutions on their own without reference to Government.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Strike by the Students of FTII

461. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the students of Film and Television Institute of India (FTII) went on strike;

(b) if so, the reasons and details of their demands; and

(c) what steps have been taken to find solution to the issues raised by the students?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) Yes, Sir. The students of the Film and Television Institute of India (FTII), Pune went on strike from 23rd October, 1996 which was called off on 29th October, 1996.

(b) The main demand of the students was that the duration of courses in the Institute should be restored to the earlier level of three years. The duration of courses had been reduced to two years from the academic session beginning from January, 1996. The other demands made by the students were representation of the students on the Governing Council, reversal of the decision to raise the fees and that the Film and Television Institute of India (FTII) be given statutory status.

(c) The Minister for Information and Broadcasting met the representatives of the students on 30th October, 1996 after they had called of their strike on 29th October, 1996. After discussions, it has been agreed that the issue regarding restoration of the three year duration of the courses, which is the primary demand of the students, would be considered by the Governing Council of the Institute.